

5

A B S T R A C T

10 A cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetic base  
selected from the group consisting of liquid base, paste  
base and powder base, a perfume ingredient, and polyamide  
particles wherein the polyamide particles comprise at  
least either of the porous polyamide particles of the  
following (1) and (2) shows satisfactory shape retention  
on human skin, excellent light-scattering properties to  
15 diminish abnormal light reflection on human skin surface,  
and excellent oil-absorbing properties to effectively  
absorb lipid oozing from human body when it is applied to  
human skin: (1) spherical porous polyamide particles hav-  
ing a number average particle diameter of 1 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , a  
20 BET specific surface area of 5  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  or larger, a boiled  
linseed oil absorption of 200  $\text{mL}/100 \text{ g}$  or larger, a  
crystallinity of 40% or higher (measured by DSC), and a  
ratio of volume average particle diameter/number average  
particle diameter of 1.0 to 1.5, and (2) cylindrical or  
25 dumbbell shaped porous polyamide particles having a num-  
ber average particle length of 0.5 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , a ratio of  
particle length/particle width of 3 to 50, a BET specific  
surface area of 5  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  or larger, a boiled linseed oil ab-  
sorption of 200  $\text{mL}/100 \text{ g}$  or larger, and a crystallinity  
30 of 40% or higher (measured by DSC).